

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS, FOR THREE MONTHS JAN.-MARCH, 1940.

Births - increase 10; Deaths - decrease 93; Marriages - increase 317;  
 Infant Deaths - increase 11.

POPULATION OF STATE. 31st December 1939, Total 597,045;  
 Males 298,217; Females 298,828. Metropolitan Area 31st December 1939,  
 Total 322,988 or 54.1% of State.

NATURAL INCREASE. The excess of births over deaths for the  
 three months was 1,200 (1,097), an increase of 103.

BIRTHS. For the Quarter 2,529 (2,519) were registered, an  
 increase of 10. EX-NUPTIAL BIRTHS. 85 (61). LEGITIMATIONS 12 (9).  
ADOPTIONS 40 (41). CASES OF MULTIPLE BIRTHS. Twins 19 (23), Triplets  
 - (-).

MARRIAGES. The marriages celebrated during the quarter num-  
 bered 1,554 (1,237), an increase of 317. This is largely attributable  
 to the fact that Easter occurred during March of 1940, and April of  
 1939. Civil Marriages were 138 (102), increase 36, marriages by  
 Ministers increasing by 281.

DEATHS. The deaths registered for the quarter numbered  
 1,329 (1,422) being a decrease of 93. During the January and February  
 heat waves, 74 deaths were attributed solely to Excessive Heat, while  
 Heat was shown as a contributory cause in many other cases last year.

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH. (Table 6). Cancer 196 (174),  
 Diseases of Heart 280 (273), Cerebral Haemorrhage and Softening 130  
 (129), Accidents 87 (151), Senility 65 (76), Pulmonary Tuberculosis  
 36 (40), Congenital Debility, Malformations, &c. 51 (50), Nephritis,  
 Acute and Chronic 53 (72), Diarrhoea and Enteritis 15 (15), Pneumonia  
 62 (60), Puerperal Causes 12 (14), Suicides 13 (15), Diphtheria 6 (6).

DEATHS FROM ACCIDENTS, &C. For the three months 87 (151)  
 deaths were attributed to Accidents, &c. the chief being - Drowning  
 12 (17), Automobiles 28 (21), Railways and Tramways 2 (2), Other  
 Transport 4 (1), Injury from Falls 22 (12), Excessive Heat 5 (75),  
 Firearms 3 (4), Burns 1 (1).

INFANTILE DEATHS. NO. & CAUSES. 93 (82) deaths were  
 recorded for the quarter being an increase of 11. The principal  
 causes were - Whooping Cough 6 (-), Broncho-pneumonia and Pneumonia  
 10 (8), Diarrhoea and Enteritis 9 (9), Malformations 8 (8), Congenital  
 Debility &c. 2 (3), Premature Birth 23 (25), Injury at birth 10 (7),  
 Other diseases of early infancy 8 (7), Excessive Heat 2 (9), and all  
 other causes 15 (6), total 93 (82).

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED. (Table 5). Number of cases  
 notified during the three months are as follows:- Diphtheria 51 (154)  
 Erysipelas 25 (22), Measles 5,113 (32), Puerperal Fever 21 (21),  
 Pulmonary Tuberculosis 74 (84), Scarlet Fever 40 (155) and Whooping  
 Cough 990 (6).

Details Tables are attached Nos. 1 to 7.

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